CALL OUT

365 DAYS: AUSTRALIAN WOMEN DIRECTING

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A project of The Australian Women Directors’ Alliance

We want to enrich the Australian cultural imagination with images of female-identifying artists, creatively leading projects. We intend to flood the internet for a year with 365 images of Australian women in theatre and performance in creative leadership. We will advocate for women in theatre and performance in creative leadership by making their roles visible.

Across 2019 the AWDA will post on the AWDA facebook page one image a day of Australian women artists as they direct other artists, and as they facilitate performance projects. We want to see the faces, expressions, and embodiment of women making choices, in creative problem solving, being listened to, active with agency and creativity. We will take up digital space with images counter to traditional understandings and images of women, as passive, as being lead or directed, as being looked at as objects of desire.

WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

We are collecting and collating these images now. We would like you to take part.

The photo you submit will appear on the AWDA facebook page with your name, the title of the work, the photographer’s name and the hashtag #WomenTheatreDirectors (see below for example post).

You can be any Australian female-identifying artist working in theatre or performance.

Your way of working might not be something you describe as directing, but the image will depict you actively leading a project, in a studio, site, or a theatre. We are not looking for headshots or profile pictures.

By sending us the image you are giving us permission to use the image online on the AWDA facebook page. If we wish to use the image again for another purpose, we will contact you again.

The image you submit must be your own property. You need to have permission from any other artists in the picture to use it for this purpose.

If you don't have an image of yourself suitable, ask a friend to take one. We are interested in predigital photos as well as digital era images.

With your image please include

- The names of the artists in the picture
- The name of the project you are working on in the picture
- The name of the photographer
- The year of the image

Help us permeate the Australian cultural imagination with images of women in positions of agency.

Please send the images and details to thisistamarasearle@gmail.com

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To be part of this project flooding cultural imagination with images of Australian women directing, contact thisistamarasearle@gmail.com

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